

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**CORRECTED
FISCAL NOTE**

HB 925 - SB 1698

March 23, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the Department of Safety (DOS) from requiring handgun carry permit applicants to provide their social security number as part of the application process, or on any form created by the Department to show proof of successful completion of an approved handgun safety course. Prohibits any handgun safety course instructor from withholding proof of completion based solely on an applicant not providing their social security number.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On March 12, 2009, we issued a fiscal note for this bill indicating a *one-time increase to state expenditures of \$4,800* and an *increase to recurring state expenditures of \$31,400*. Based on new information received from the Department of Human Services, the fiscal impact for this bill has been estimated as follows:

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**Increase State Expenditures - \$31,400/Recurring
\$4,800/One-Time**

Other Fiscal impact – A potential loss of \$45,655,000 in federal funding derived from the Title IV-D Child Support Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grants.

Assumptions:

- According to DOS, the social security number is the most important piece of information used for verifying identification when working with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and for conducting required background checks.
- DOS indicates there were 70,991 original and renewal applications for handgun carry permits in FY07-08. The Department expects that number to remain relatively constant in subsequent years.

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- According to DOS, not having social security numbers for use as their primary identifier will cause the Department to have to refer to driver's license information for verification.
- DOS indicates that one additional position would be required in the Handgun Permit Processing Division for retrieving driver's license information for approximately 71,000 applications each year (or approximately 283 per work day).
- The increase to recurring state expenditures for the one additional position is estimated to be \$31,400 per year (\$19,800 salary, \$9,100 benefits, \$2,500 other).
- One-time state expenditures associated with the one additional position of \$4,800 (computer, software, communications, etc.).
- According to the Department of Human Services (DHS), this bill does not include an exemption to allow for the release of such information to the Department for purposes concerning child support enforcement.
- DHS indicates that federal law, 42 U.S.C. § 666(a), requires the state to have procedures in place to withhold or suspend, or to restrict the use of driver's licenses, professional and occupational licenses, and recreational and sporting licenses of individuals owing overdue child support payments. According to DHS, the Attorney General (AG) has specifically found this requirement to also extend to handgun carry permits (AG Opinion 02-003).
- According to DHS, this bill could jeopardize approximately \$45,655,000 in federal funding received pursuant to the Title IV-D Child Support Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grants.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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